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Examiner: Kishore, G.S.

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Title: *Orally-Bioavailable Formulations of Fentanyl and Congeners Thereof*

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Amendment and Response

Dear Examiner Kishore:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed March 3, 2003, the Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 11, 17, 19, and 22 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 18, 20, 21, and 23-25 as set forth below. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made, follows the Conclusion section of the instant Amendment and Response.